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<sup>\*</sup>Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I,	An	ndrew J. Formato, Christopher J. M	Mahler	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of	
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of			20.16	, as are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that	
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<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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#### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Managers of Weeden Prime Services, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Weeden Prime Services, LLC, as of December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statement. This financial statement is the responsibility of Weeden Prime Services, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Weeden Prime Services, LLC as of December 31, 2016 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental information contained in Schedules I has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Weeden Prime Services, LLC's financial statement. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Weeden Prime Services, LLC's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statement or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

New York, New York February 27, 2017

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# WEEDEN PRIME SERVICES, LLC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION **DECEMBER 31, 2016**

# **ASSETS**

Cash Cash segregated under Federal regulations Receivable from clearing brokers, net Furnishings, computers and software, net Other assets and security deposits Total	\$	68,436 70,000 4,767,185 301,741 152,552 5,359,914	
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Liabilities: Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities Due to related parties Total liabilities	\$	726,494 67,775 794,269	
Commitments			
Members' equity Total	\$	4,565,645 5,359,914	

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## Note 1 - Organization

Weeden Prime Services, LLC (the "Company") is a Delaware limited liability company, originally organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida on April 6, 2007. The Company is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"), and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"), National Futures Association ("NFA"), and Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). The Company's operations consist primarily of trade execution and risk management services for customers and is an introducing broker for the transactions of institutional customers.

The Company is comprised of two members, Weeden Securities Corp ("WSC"), and Weeden Investors L.P. ("WILP"). The Company is managed by a Board of Managers which has the authority and discretion to conduct and oversee all aspects of its business and affairs.

As of December 31, 2016 the Company has agreements with five broker-dealers ("clearing brokers") to clear transactions, carry customers' accounts on a fully disclosed basis and perform record keeping functions and, consequently operates under the exemptive provisions of SEC rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii).

## Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

These financial statements were approved by management and available for issuance on February 27, 2017.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through this date.

Revenues have increased 14% and 57% in 2015 and 2016, respectively. Cash and receivable from clearing brokers total \$4,905,621 and the Company continues to meet all current obligations. Regulatory net capital at December 31, 2016 was \$4,111,352. Member contributions from WILP and WSC amounted to \$4,250,000 in 2016. Based on its cash and receivable from clearing brokers balance at December 31, 2016, its cash usage expectations for the remainder of 2017, its expectations of capital contributions from WILP and WSC as well as the ability to curtail expenses if the need arises, management believes the Company will have sufficient liquidity to fund its operations and meet its obligations as they become due for at least the next 12 month period.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Furnishings, Computers, and Software

Amortization of internally created software is provided for using the straight-line method over five years. Depreciation for all other capitalized assets is provided for over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, generally five to seven years, using the straight-line method.

The Company accounts for costs incurred in connection with the development of software in accordance with guidance on accounting for costs of computer software developed or obtained for internal use. Accordingly, all costs in the preliminary project stage are expensed as incurred. Internal and external costs incurred to develop internal use computer software during the application's development state are capitalized. Upgrades and enhancements that result in additional functionality are also capitalized.

#### Revenue Recognition

Commission income is earned and related clearing expenses are incurred from execution of customer's securities transactions and are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income and other income, including referral fees, are recorded when incurred or in accordance with associated agreements

#### Income Taxes

The Company is a multi-member limited liability company and files a U.S. Partnership return.

The Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") provides that any income or loss, for either a single member or multi-member limited liability company, is passed through to the members for Federal and state income tax purposes. Accordingly, the Company has not provided for Federal or state income taxes. The Company is subject to the New York City Unincorporated Business Tax ("UBT").

At December 31, 2016, management has determined that the Company had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition. This determination will be subject to ongoing reevaluation as facts and circumstances may require. The Company remains subject to U.S. Federal and state income tax audits for all periods subsequent to 2012.

#### Soft Dollar Arrangements

The Company has soft dollar arrangements with customers that fall within the safe harbor provisions of Rule 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Rule 28(e)"), as amended, which provides for the payment of research, brokerage, quote services and other expenses permissible by Rule 28(e).

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amounts relating to all customers with a positive total balance are reflected in the accompanying statement of financial condition in accrued expenses. Such amounts represent the estimated third-party research services to be provided to all customers from whom the Company has earned commissions for execution of brokerage transactions or revenue from direct sales. The provision for uncollectible commissions is determined under the direct write-off method, which is not materially different from the allowance method. As of December 31, 2016, no allowance for uncollectible commissions was necessary as management believes all commissions receivable and prepaid research costs will be realized.

The amount of third-party research services that the Company will furnish to its customers is based on the amount of commissions that the Company receives or expects to receive for execution of brokerage transactions and is measured by the Company in terms of commission total balance (commissions paid less research provided). It is understood by the customers and the Company that the commission total balance is not redeemable in cash and, when redeemed, may only be used to obtain third-party research services through the Company. The accumulated commission total balance of customers is reduced when such customers request the Company to provide third-party research services.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the statement of financial condition in conformity with GAAP requires the Company's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts disclosed in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Note 3 - Cash:

During 2016, the Company maintained cash accounts in excess of FDIC and SIPC limits. The Company monitors the solvency of the institutions in which these cash accounts are maintained.

## Note 4 - Cash segregated under Federal regulations:

Cash of \$70,000 has been segregated in a special reserve bank account for the benefit of customers.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Note 5 - Furnishings, computers, and software

Details of furnishings, computers and software at December 31, 2016 are as follows:

Furnishings	\$ 14,609
Computers	17,069
Software	<u>587,881</u>
Sub-total	619,559
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	_317,818
Total	<u>\$301,741</u>

## Note 6 - Net capital requirement

The Company, as a member of FINRA, is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1. This rule requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 and that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. The Company is also subject to the CFTC's minimum financial requirements which require that the Company maintain net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of its requirements under Regulation 1.17 under the Commodity Exchange Act or Rule 15c3-1. At December 31, 2016, the Company's net capital was \$4,111,352 which was \$4,058,401 in excess of its minimum requirement of \$52,951, which was calculated under CFTC Regulation 1.17.

## Note 7 - Receivable from clearing brokers

The clearing and depository operations for the Company's transactions are provided by five brokers. For financial reporting purposes, amounts due to brokers have been offset against amounts due from brokers.

	<u>Receivable</u>
Receivable from clearing brokers	\$4,687,309
Commissions	79,876
Totals	<u>\$4,767,185</u>

In addition, the receivables from the clearing brokers are subject to these clearance agreements and include required clearing deposits of \$200,000, \$250,000, \$250,000, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, as well as an additional \$750,000 minimum equity requirement to ensure the clearing brokers' obligations.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 8 - Off-balance-sheet risk

Pursuant to the clearance agreements, the Company introduces all of its securities transactions to clearing brokers on a fully-disclosed basis. All of the customers' money balances and long and short security positions are carried on the books of the clearing brokers. In accordance with the clearance agreements, the Company has agreed to indemnify the clearing brokers for losses, if any, which the clearing brokers may sustain from carrying securities transactions introduced by the Company. In accordance with industry practice and regulatory requirements, the Company and the clearing brokers monitor collateral on the customer's accounts.

In the normal course of business, the Company's customer activities involve the execution, settlement, and financing of the various customer securities transactions. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance-sheet risk in the event the customer or other broker is unable to fulfill its contracted obligation and the Company has to purchase or sell the financial instrument underlying the contract at a loss.

#### Note 9 - Commitments

The Company has agreements with various third parties to share commissions and pay fees as defined in the respective agreements. Approximately \$1,800,000 was expensed for the year ended December 31, 2016 under these agreements.

On June 1, 2013, the Company entered into a lease with a related party, Weeden & Co, LP ("the affiliate"). The terms of the lease were amended in March 2014, renewed on June 1, 2015 and amended again in September 2016. Provided no notice is given, the lease will continue to auto-renew for one year terms until the final auto-renewal beginning on June 1, 2026. On December 1, 2013, the Company entered into a second lease with a non-related party whose term began on February 21, 2014 and will expire on April 30, 2019. The Company has paid a security deposit of \$73,081 in accordance with that lease.

The aggregate minimum rental commitments under these leases are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	<u>Amount</u>
2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 Thereafter	\$ 483,508 491,350 257,276 151,200 151,200 907,200
Total	<u>\$2,441,734</u>

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company has entered into a sublease agreement with a related party which will expire in 2019. For the year ended December 31, 2016, total sublease income amounted to \$190,188. Future sublease income of \$190,188 for calendar years 2017 and 2018, and \$58,686 for calendar year 2019 is anticipated.

## Note 10 - Concentrations of credit risk

The Company maintains its cash balances at one financial institution. These balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 per institution. The Company is subject to credit risk to the extent that the financial institution with which it conducts business is unable to fulfill its contractual obligations.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, approximately 82% of the Company's commission revenues were derived from twenty customers. There was a \$14,000 direct receivable due from customers as of December 31, 2016. All other outstanding commissions are included in receivable from clearing brokers on the statement of financial condition.

## Note 11 - Related party transactions

The Company has an expense sharing agreement with the Affiliate where each company may provide various accounting, technology, and administrative services. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company incurred expenses of approximately \$1,523,927 for services and provided services in the amount of \$81,536. In addition, the Company also capitalized approximately \$64,000 of software costs related to the aforementioned expense sharing arrangement. The Company also has a cross referral agreement, whereby each company may refer clients to the other in exchange for a share of the commissions generated. The Company generated approximately \$167,000 to Weeden & Co., LP and received approximately \$524,000. The Company also subleases office space from Weeden & Co., LP. The Company recorded \$62,400 of occupancy expense under this lease in 2016. During the year, approximately \$43,000 of various miscellaneous expenses were incurred on behalf of the affiliate and \$108,000 of miscellaneous expenses were provided to the Company by the affiliate. There is an outstanding balance of \$67,775 due to Weeden & Co., LP as of December 31, 2016.

## Note 12 - Income taxes

The Company is subject to a 4% New York City Unincorporated Business Tax ("UBT"). The Company recorded a full valuation allowance against the New York City UBT loss on the basis of management's assessment that the amount is more likely than not to be realized.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 13 - Soft dollar transactions

The Company entered into soft dollar arrangements with certain clients within the provision of Rule28(e). Under this program, the Company charges additional dollars on customer trades made with the Company and uses these fees to pay market data and research related expenses on behalf of clients. During 2016, the Company paid client expenses totaling approximately \$269,000 and has an outstanding receivable and liability of approximately \$33,000 and \$78,000, respectively, as of December 31, 2016.

## Note 14 - Members' equity

At December 31, 2016, members' equity is comprised as follows:

 Weeden Securities Corporation
 \$ 45,656

 Weeden Investors, LP
 4,519,989

 Total
 \$4,565,645

# SCHEDULE I - COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND REGULATION 1.17 OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION DECEMBER 31, 2016

Net capital:	
Total members' equity	\$4,565,645
Deduct nonallowable assets:  Other assets, security deposits and due from related parties Furnishings, computers and software, net Total	152,552 301,741 454,293
Net capital	\$4,111,352
Aggregate indebtedness	\$ 794,269
Computed minimum net capital required (6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness)	\$ 52,951
Minimum net capital required (under SEC Rule 15c3-1)	\$ 5,000
Minimum net capital required (under CFTC Regulation 1.17)	\$ 45,000
Excess net capital (\$4,111,352 - 52,951)	\$4,058,401
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	19%

There were no material differences existing between the above computation and the computation included in the Company's corresponding unaudited Form X-17A-5 Part IIA filing.

See Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.